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Dear Mr. Cameron

30th January 2013

Having sent this email to stcompliance@bis.gsi.gov.uk, I am also copying to the following, as we hold a Street Trading Licence in each of the following MP's constituencies;

Mr David Cameron MP/Prime Minister (Witney)

Mr Tony Baldry MP (Bicester)

Mr Richard Fuller MP (Bedford)

Sir/Madam (StCompliance)

I am writing to inform you of my strong feelings regarding the new law changes for 'pedlars.'

We are a small family business who have three separate street trading licenses in three small market towns in the UK, we have been in business for the past thirteen years and have a great understanding and experience for what goes on in small town high streets.

I can NOT begin to tell you how SERIOUS the mistake is in the new changes to the Pedlar and itinerant trader laws. As we are on the streets six days a week in all weathers we have a strong feeling towards our communities, and the general public stop to talk to us on a very regular basis (unlike normal shops where passers-by do not go in just for a chat) making us the eyes and ears on the street so to speak.

Firstly it is grossly unfair that we have to pay for our street trading licences each year (which are not cheap considering we get NO services from the local councils we pay to) and the fact that we have to jump through hoops with rules and regulations to obtain/renew these licences annually, which gives us no guarantee or security whatsoever in return. UNLIKE street pedlars who can set up trading in an instant without any form of vetting, security checks, ID checks or even whether they are 'bona Fide' businesses, and then they can disappear in an instant without trace, thus leaving the customers without any guarantees or recourse on the products or services they have sold.

THIS IS MADNESS!!!!

Over the years we have had direct experience on numerous occasions of dodgy Pedlars on the street selling items that were either;

- 1: Cheap FAKE imported copies of genuine items.
- 2: Really cheaply made imported items NOT complying with the safety or 'sale of goods act laws.'
- 3: Possibly Stolen goods.

ALL without any guarantees to safety, proof of traceability or even proof of ownership.

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On several of these occasions we have tried to get help form the local authorities licensing officers, trading standards officers and even the police, and guess what? NOBODY wants to know, they all pass the buck and each say that "it is the responsibility of the other organization/body responsible, not themselves," and NOTHING gets done! (apart form the poor customer that is.)

Well I have to tell you that this is a ludicrous situation that WILL only get worse!

I would be more than willing to meet with yourselves and/or anyone else involved with this grossly mistaken law change, in order to give a better understanding of just how unpractical, unlawful and dangerous this situation is.

Yours

Robert Coppin
Director